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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-54-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: November 06,
2014

Date of Death: November 06, 2014

Operator: Thiele Kaolin Company

Mine: Main Processing Plant

Contractor: Utility Service Company,
Inc.

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of ██████████ should not be charged to the mining industry. ██████████, a 62-year-old contractor supervisor, was inspecting a painted tank at the mine when he developed chest pain. He walked back to his truck and called his wife, who in turn called 911. He was transported to a local hospital and then airlifted to a regional health center where he underwent a surgical procedure on his heart. He died later that same day.

The death certificate indicates that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was a myocardial infarction due to coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed on ██████████ following the accident. MSHA's investigation did not discover any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death.

Based on these findings, the committee members concluded that ██████████'s death was due to natural causes and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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